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1. All India Women's Conference

Special, 1999

Introduction

All India Women's Conference (AIWC) is a women's voluntary organization involved in the field of women's education and empowerment established in 1930. Its network counts 500 branches throughout India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIWC envisions the emancipation, education and empowerment of women. It partners with various international organizations to fulfil its mission.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2011 and 2012, AIWC focused on the empowerment of rural women to provide them with a life of self-sufficiency and preserve the dying art and culture of the rural community, in line with the United Nations goals of education, health, gender equality and sustainable development. AIWC introduced activities for holistic development, encompassing income-generation, literacy and skill development, and led leadership trainings in five villages.

AIWC organized 445 health camps which benefitted 22,250 people suffering from anaemia and cervical cancer. Regarding environmental trainings, AIWC conducted a pilot-project in Kommargiri, India, with assistance from the Global Water initiative and the India Water Partnership on Water Conservation. Further, AIWC's work on violence against women resulted in recommendations to the State Government and nationwide surveys and workshops.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIWC conducted a side event on "Empowerment of Rural Women South Asia — an NGO experience" on 29 February 2012 during the 56th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), as well as a side event on violence against women during the 57th Session of CSW, 4-15 March 2013, New York. AIWC participated in the Bonn Climate Change Conference, Bonn, Germany, June 2011; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) in Doha, Qatar, in 2012 (COP 18), during which AIWC got observer status; and COP 19 in Warsaw, Poland, in 2013, during which AIWC organized a side event on new solutions of climate mitigation in the South and North.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIWC organized a women Bidi Workers workshop on sensitization and intervention for alternate vocations with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AIWC follows a holistic approach, in which their activities are designed to achieve all eight MDGs.

2. Asian Non-Governmental Organizations Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

Special, 1991

Introduction

Founded in 1979, the Asian Non-Governmental Organizations Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC) is a regional association of national and regional networks of NGOs in Asia actively engaged in food security, agrarian reform, sustainable agriculture, participatory governance and rural development. ANGOC members' networks and partners work in 12 Asian countries with an effective reach of some 3,000 NGOs and community-based organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The ANGOC network serves as a platform for Asian NGOs working on food security and sustainable livelihoods through the promotion of land and resource rights and smallholder agriculture.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ANGOC's work has revolved on promoting land rights in pursuit of poverty reduction and enhancing household food security. It organized multi-stakeholder policy dialogues on the areas of land and agrarian reform and conducted country studies on access to land and food security. ANGOC and its partners jointly organized the "Asian People's Land Rights Tribunal" that exposed land grabbing cases. With the theme "Mainstreaming land rights as human rights in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)", ANGOC and the South East Asia National Human Rights Forum (SEANF) jointly organized a regional workshop whose participants committed to ensure consistent legal, policy and regulatory frameworks at the regional and national levels. At the country level, ANGOC has been pursuing land policy reforms.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ANGOC has participated in several meetings and conferences of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ANGOC participated in a workshop convened by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), FAO and Global Land Tool Network, which led to a joined follow-up activity in land

monitoring and land administration and management. Three studies and one Expert Forum were conducted and workshops were organized together with FAO in the Philippines. ANGOC sits as a Council member of the International Land Coalition, together with FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ANGOC continues to work towards the realization of MDGs 1, 7 and 8 through policy work, capacity building and opening/enhancing mechanisms for an effective participation of people.

3. Caucus for Women's Leadership

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Caucus for Women's Leadership (CWL), is a national network dedicated to building women's leadership at all levels in Kenya. CWL's work is implemented through 30 Women's Regional Assemblies in all 30 counties of Kenya.

Aims and purposes of the organization

One of CWL's key objectives is to promote and enhance the principles of human rights, good governance and participatory democracy through increased integration and recognition of the important role played by both men and women in public life. CWL lobbies and advocates for gender equity and equality in the executive, legislature and judiciary, through networking, advocacy, awareness creation, capacity building training and political animation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CWL has been instrumental in building the capacity of organizations that seek funding from the United Nations and in ensuring that all the organizations meet the standards of implementing, monitoring and successfully reporting for their activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CWL representatives participated in all the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) between 2011 and 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CWL works with the regional office of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Women were partners in the Women's Situation/Action Room with the key objective to ensure peaceful elections in 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

– The organization has taken the following initiatives toward the realization of the MDGs:

– Goal 1: CWL supports Women's Regional Assemblies involved in micro-businesses;

– Goal 3: Through capacity building activities of CWL, the proportion of women and girl survivors of gender-based violence having full access to comprehensive services including legal, reproductive health and social assistance has greatly increased; and

– Goal 6: CWL resettles HIV infected widows in their homes after disinheritance. Memory books from parents to their soon to be orphaned children are a flagship of CWL.

4. Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA) was founded in 1987 in Canada with a primary focus on promoting human rights in housing.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CERA envisions an Ontario, Canada, where every person realises their housing rights, is treated with dignity, and lives free from discrimination in a stable, safe and affordable home. CERA works to achieve this vision by educating individuals and communities, advancing progressive and inclusive housing law and policy, and providing legal information and services to marginalized Ontarians.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CERA contributed to the work of the United Nations by supporting and defending the right to adequate housing and the right to be free from discrimination in each of its main areas of work. CERA also attended and presented at the Association for Women's Rights in Development 2012 Forum "Transforming Economic Power to Advance Women's Rights and Justice". In conjunction with Economic, Social and Cultural Rights-Net (ESCR-Net), CERA hosted a workshop on women's economic, social and cultural rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CERA participated in the following meetings:

– Expert Consultation on Stigmatisation and the Right to Water and Sanitation convened by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Water and Sanitation,

30-31 January 2012, Geneva, Switzerland, and the following public consultation on 1 February 2012;

- Panel at the Pre-Sessional Meeting for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Canada, 13 March 2013; and
- Expert Participation on the Drafting Committee Meeting on the Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, Geneva, 10-11 May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization delivered an oral statement in the Inter-Active Dialogue with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food in Relation to his Report on his Mission to Canada, at the Human Rights Council, Geneva, 4 March 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through its direct client work, public legal education activities, test case litigation and law reform initiatives.

5. Colombian Confederation of NGOs

General, 1995

Introduction

The Colombian Confederation of non-governmental organizations (CCONG) is a national organization of NGOs, created in 1989, that gathers regional and departmental federations, associations, corporations and national foundations working for the common good, sustainable development, the promotion, monitoring and guarantee of the human rights, governance, democracy and peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Mission of the CCONG is to strengthen NGOs to enable them to be the main actors of development in Colombia and the spokespeople for the collective on common issues so as to develop solutions that benefit Colombia's development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2011 and 2014, a participatory process was conducted and a tripartite dialogue was established between the Government, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and CCONG in order to combine efforts to strengthen the public sector and influence public policies toward addressing the new challenges of the post-2015 agenda. In 2013, 10 regional consultations on ageing and sexual and reproductive rights were conducted. At the end of this consultation process, the

CCONG drew up a report that contributed to the Beyond 2015 campaign. CCONG played an important role for the incorporation of the post-2015 agenda into the 2014-2018 National Development Plan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the Third Regional Intergovernmental Conference on ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean held in Costa Rica in 2012. CCONG collaborated with the Beyond 2015 campaign in the framework of the Annual General Meeting 2013. The organization was a benchmark of civil society at the Conference on Sustainable Development held in Bogotá, Colombia, by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization held a joint forum on ageing and old age with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 2012. It organized territorial consultations to present the results of the MDGs and hear inputs from NGOs for the upcoming post-2015 agenda in collaboration with UNDP in 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CCONG developed an initiative of transparency and accountability, which shows visually the contribution by NGOs to the achievement of one or several development goals and thereby helps organizations to connect their daily work with national and international policy commitments.

6. Equit Institute

Special, 2011

Introduction

The EQÜIT Institute (EQÜIT) is a feminist-oriented organization founded in August 2003 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with national coverage and international articulations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's goal is to establish a comprehensive connection between economic policies and their impact on women's lives, seeking to strengthen social struggles, especially women's movements, and aiming for a more just, equitable and sustainable world. Through advocacy, research, popular education and training, EQÜIT works within three thematic fields: globalization and macroeconomic policies; democracy, citizenship and human rights (economic, social, environmental, political and cultural rights); and sustainable development and commons.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2011 and 2012, EQÜIT organized and co-organized several preparatory seminars and workshops in various locations in Brazil and Colombia on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) to raise awareness and invite civil society organizations and citizens to take part in the People's Summit during Rio+20. In 2013, EQÜIT published a documentary and a report on "Women in Rio+20".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the People's Summit for Social and Environmental Justice during Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012. EQÜIT participated in the "Seminar on Population and Development in Cairo Agenda", organized by the National Commission on Population and Development in Brazil and sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), 21-22 February 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As a member of the Brazilian Civil Society Facilitating Committee for Rio+20, EQÜIT actively engaged in the preparation and organization of the People's Summit during Rio+20. It published in particular, several bulletins in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since its foundation, the EQÜIT Institute has actively engaged in promoting gender equality and empowering women toward MDG 3 and ensuring environmental sustainability for MDG 7.

7. Fundación País Libre

Special, 2011

Introduction

Fundación País Libre (The Foundation) is a Colombian non-governmental non-profit organization established since 1991. It increases awareness of human rights violations among the population and public and private institutions at the national and international level. The Foundation analyses human rights violations, such as kidnapping and forced disappearance, and their impact and psychological and cultural harm for the affected communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation's vision is to be a leading organization in defence, representation, and reparation of violations of people's freedoms. It accomplishes its vision through several lines of work: attention to victims, community mobilization, and contributions to public policy, reconstruction reports and historical memories. The main task has been to empower victims and groups of victims in demanding

their right to truth, justice and reparation with authorities and community leaders and to establish strategies for coexistence and reconciliation as essential conditions for peacebuilding.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has concentrated its efforts in helping to protect the rights of victims (truth, justice and reparation) of kidnapping and forced disappearance in the context of the armed conflict in Colombia, in adherence to the purpose of the United Nations to maintain international peace and security.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Foundation attended the following meetings:

- 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2012. The Foundation submitted a statement regarding "Strengthening mental health for victims of armed conflict in rural areas";
- 67th Session of the General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels, New York, 24 September 2012. The Foundation submitted a statement regarding the rule of law in Colombia as part of the initiatives of transitional justice in a context of post-conflict;
- 1st Annual United Nations Forum on businesses and Human Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) August 28-30 2013 in Medellin, Colombia; and
- 24th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2013, and submitted a written paper "Justice and impunity: the current challenges of Colombia for the Human Rights protection".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In November 2014, a meeting between the Chamber of Commerce of Bogota, Colombia, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Foundation took place with the aim to agree on a series of specific contributions to prevent extortion crime in Bogota, Colombia.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.

8. International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute

Special, 2011

Introduction

International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute (ISHRI) promotes and defends solidarity in the fields of human rights and development internationally. ISHRI is active in North America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific and intends to expand its influence in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISHRI's goal is to train a new generation of leadership in the fields of human rights and development through academic education and field-experience based on Catholic social teaching.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ISHRI's president has given multiple lectures on human rights and the family throughout Europe and in Australia between 2012 and 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISHRI participated in the United Nations Youth Conference, 22-28 July 2011. It trained and accredited university students to the United Nations headquarters in New York for all the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during the reporting period. The organization co-sponsored a side-event at the 56th Session of the CSW in 2012 regarding "Fighting Maternal Discrimination: A New Challenge for the 21st Century". It drafted a student submission for the United Nations conference on "The World We Want post-2015 development and health goals", 19 February 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ISHRI responded to a Call for Papers from the World Health Organization (WHO) on "Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, Measurement of Progress towards the Health Goals: What are the best Indicators and Targets for Health?"

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ISHRI contributed to the publication of "The Millennium Development Goals," Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, by the Society of Catholic Social Scientists Vol. 3 (Lanham, MD, Scarecrow Press, 2012).

9. Peace Family and Media Association

Special, 2011

Introduction

Peace Family and Media Association (PFMA) is a locally registered non-profit making Ethiopian civil society organization, founded in 2006 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It works nationally on peacebuilding, the environment, gender, education and media development in all regions of Ethiopia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of PFMA is to strengthen the capacity of media and communication professionals and involve citizens, especially women and youth volunteer groups, to participate in the good governance and socioeconomic development in all regions in Ethiopia. To achieve this goal, PFMA builds alliances through capacity building and knowledge sharing activities to bring about change and reforms at the family and community level, thereby advancing the capacity of the media to engage in practical solutions for people to have their voices and choices heard.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has engaged in the dissemination of information on the activities and achievement of the development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large among members of PFMA and other associations at the national level.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the Third Annual Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-III) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21-23 October 2013. The Conference is a joint programme of key African development institutions including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Union Commission (AUC) and African Development Bank (AfDB).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization implemented a project in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) liaison office in Addis Ababa to empower rural community media organizations and school media club students and teachers that seek to build their capacity to support development communication among youth between 2009 and 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the MDGs in Ethiopia by facilitating training and dialogue workshops for mainstream journalists on the MDGs to enhance their capacity to contribute to the development of the country.

10. World Conference of Religions for Peace

General, 1995

Introduction

Religions for Peace (RfP) advances common action among the world's religious communities for peace. Respecting religious differences while celebrating a common humanity, RfP brings together religious leaders (including women and youth leaders), in partnership with a wide range of governmental, intergovernmental and civil society partners, to transform violent conflict, advance human development, promote just and harmonious societies and protect the earth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RfP assists communities to translate shared concerns into concrete multi-religious actions, consistent with five guiding principles: Respecting religious differences; acting on deeply held and widely shared values; preserving the identity of each religious community; honouring the different ways religious communities are organized; and supporting locally led multi-religious structures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RfP has facilitated a wide range of opportunities for religious communities and their leaders to work together in partnership with governments and civil society stakeholders to advance the goals of the United Nations on the following topics, among others: nuclear disarmament, Arms Trade Treaty, conflict prevention/mediation/reconciliation, violent religious extremism, women's empowerment, child protection, maternal health, child survival and climate change. It has worked to equip religious communities with the needed knowledge, skills and capacity to undertake actions in these various areas and supported the implementation of concrete actions in various parts of the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RfP attended and contributed to many meetings at the United Nations, including the Sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW); the High-level Thematic Debate on Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation: Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism; the Special Meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on Stemming the Flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

(UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP); and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

RfP partnered with United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Office of the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, and the Millennium Campaign, among many others, to co-organize meetings and events. It held side events at the CSW in 2013 and 2014 and UNFCCC COP 20 in Peru in December 2014. It played a key role in assisting the Committee of Religious NGOs to partner with the Alliance of Civilization and Office of the President of the General Assembly to organize an event to commemorate the Interfaith Harmony week in 2013 and 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

RfP widely disseminated the toolkit on multi-religious advocacy in support of the MDGs, which it developed in partnership with the Millennium Campaign. It continued to support its national affiliates around the world in advocating and monitoring the achievement of the MDGs.

11. World Federation of the Deafblind

Special, 2007

Introduction

The World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB) is a NGO representing people with deafblindness Worldwide. It is a member of the International Disability Alliance (IDA).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of WFDB is to improve the quality of life of people with deafblindness worldwide with the goal of achieving equal rights and equal opportunities in all areas of society; be a worldwide forum for the exchange of knowledge and experiences in the area of deafblindness, and increase international solidarity among organizations of people with deafblindness. As a member of the IDA, the WFDB is also working for a greater understanding for, and recognition of, deafblindness as a unique disability.

Significant changes in the organization

There has been an increase of member organizations in the period from 2011-2014 from 63 national to 74 national and associated members worldwide.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WFDB's contribution to the work of the United Nations is based on promotion and advocacy of the rights of people with deafblindness.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WFDB participated in the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Session of the Conference of State Parties (COP) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), New York, 7-9 September 2011, 12-14 September 2012, 17-19 July 2013. It also took part in the High-level meeting on disability and development, New York, 23 September, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Through participation in the IDA, WFDB has cooperated with the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to advocate and promote awareness worldwide for disabled people in general and deafblind in particular, with a special focus on the Global South.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach in cooperation with the IDA. In particular, WFDB organized a conference in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2014 entitled "The post-2015 development agenda and the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa: Deepening dialogue between African stakeholders and global and regional Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) to strengthen advocacy for inclusive development".

12. World Jewish Congress

Special, 1947

Introduction

The World Jewish Congress (WJC) is the largest umbrella organization for Jewish communities around the world with 92 member communities. It was founded in 1936 to advance women's and religious rights and lead the battle against racism, intolerance and xenophobia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through global advocacy work, WJC aims to preserve human rights and to fight racism, bigotry, anti-Semitism and xenophobia and to act as the diplomatic wing of the Jewish people.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WJC maintains regular contact with United Nations permanent missions and the United Nations Secretariat in New York. It also holds membership with the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WJC participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York during the reporting period. Between 2012 and 2014, WJC co-sponsored side events and presented statements on freedoms of religion and expression, persecution of minorities in the Middle East, and the 65th anniversary of the Genocide Convention at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. WJC has delivered statements to the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) on freedom of religion and against racism at the 27th Session of the HRC in 2014. It has attended the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) NGO Conference to advance a resolution to include cyberhate and anti-Semitism on the internet on the agenda. It attended all sessions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WJC works closely with UNESCO, the United Nations Secretariat, and the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI). WJC follows closely the work of the HRC and makes statements at meetings. It also works closely with the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland, on human rights, women's rights, rights of ethnic and religious minorities, and of refugees, and maintains contact with its leadership.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Toward MDG 3, WJC supports the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) for its recognition that women face specific threats in conflicts and must be at the centre of peacemaking and post-conflict resolution. WJC is also deeply committed to the issue of climate change and supports scientific accomplishments in water reclamation in the Middle East to alleviate water shortage, including drip irrigation, reservoir construction and joint efforts between the Palestinian Authority and Israel to restore water sources.

13. World Mission Foundation

Special, 2007

Introduction

World Mission Foundation (WMF) is dedicated to serving, promoting and improving the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in in rural areas of Nigeria, West Africa and beyond.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WMF's main goal is to contribute to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on poverty, global health and social development and transform policies into action. WMF also advocates for and implements policies on improved health, HIV/AIDS, and health issues affecting women, youth, families and children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

World Mission Foundation has carried out several HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, educational and informational sessions and prevention programmes in many cities in the United States of America and Nigeria. World Mission Foundation is Executive Member of the Committee of NGO on HIV/AIDS, Member of the planning Committee of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the Handbook Committee of CSW 55 and 56.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WMF participated in the following meetings:

- All the sessions of the CSW, New York, 2011-2014;
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 2014;
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, 23 September 2013; and
- Sixth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 17-19 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WMF partners with the Nigerian permanent mission to the United Nations and the United Nations Economic and Social Council in pursuing the realization of the MDGs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WMF supports the MDGs through various programmes targeting the education and health of widows, youth in particular. It also celebrates the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

14. Young People We Care

Special, 2011

Introduction

Based in Ghana, Young People We Care (YPWC) aims to educate and inform youth on global issues and inspire them to take action.

Aims and purposes of the organization

YPWC identifies and builds sustainable partnerships aimed at youth development and provides young people with the tools and resources required for effective action on global issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through ongoing North-South cooperation, YPWC has been able to share development issues such as poverty, fair trade, and sustainable development with European partners to promote a common sense of understanding and solidarity for Ghana and other developing countries. In Collaboration with Youth Service America, YPWC has implemented Global Youth Service Day annually to promote and facilitate volunteerism among young people and work toward the achievement of the MDGs and the post-2015 agenda. With funding from Peace Child International, YPWC implemented the "Be the Change!" Academy Programme, from August 2012 to March 2013. It provided youth with skills training, mentoring and start-up loans for 'green' businesses in the Northern Region of Ghana.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2011 and 2012, YPWC collaborated with the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) to organize a youth consultation on migration to ensure that youth voices are heard in the on-going discussions within the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2011, YPWC co-hosted the West African Youth for Sustainable Development Regional Preparatory Committee to build capacity of youth and seek youth perspectives in the lead up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). The main outcome of the event was the "Kumasi Consensus" document, which was used as advocacy material during Rio+20.

15. Youth with a Mission

Special, 2003

Introduction

Youth with a Mission (YWMA) is based in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It works on relief, education and development projects worldwide. The members of its organization are involved in various areas of social and economic development with particular interest and involvement in gender issues, human trafficking, poverty alleviation, children at risk, indigenous issues, HIV/AIDS, and conflict resolution.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objective of Youth with a Mission (YWMA) is to mobilize and equip individuals to bring help and hope to people in places of despair, and to transform

the cultural, economic and spiritual lives of people in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in the world, through education, training, relief and development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, YWAM worked to raise awareness about social justice issues and promote peace and reconciliation and the eradication of poverty, for example, through street campaigns to raise social awareness of child abuse and violence against women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

YWAM has worked in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) serving the South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda. Volunteers from YWAM contributed to peacekeeping and reconciliation efforts.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

YWAM undertook the following activities toward the realization of the MDGs:

- Goal 1: YWAM, in partnership with local NGOs, annually runs feeding programmes that feed about 100,000 people in Africa and Asia;
- Goal 3: YWAM runs seminars on income generation and poverty alleviation for over 10,000 rural and indigenous women annually across South America, Asia and Africa;
- Goal 6: YWAM has HIV/AIDS training centres in 50 locations in Africa and Asia; and
- Goal 7: Through several partnership initiatives, YWAM has contributed to improve access to clean water using sustainable methods in islands in the Asia-pacific region, enhancing the quality of life of over 26,000 people. It provided sanitary services in over 1,000 schools, specifically in Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar.